

Torrance, California  
August 26, 1958

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting at 8:00 P. M. Tuesday, August 26, 1958, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California.

Those responding to roll call by Deputy City Clerk Whitacre were: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale. City Manager Stevens was also present.

At the request of Mayor Isen, Mr. Ross Leo led the salute to our Flag.

The Reverend Milton Sippel of the First Christian Church opened the meeting with an invocation.

Councilman Benstead moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held August 19, 1958, as written.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

HEARINGS:

Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the continued Hearing on:

CASE NO. 512: Third and Final Hearing on Case No. 512, petition of Don Wilson and Dominguez Estate Company for a Change of Zone from M-1 to R-1 on property located northerly of Torrance Blvd., westerly of Henrietta St., southerly of Del Amo Blvd., and easterly of Redondo Beach City Limits, recommended for approval. (Held over from July 29 and August 5 meetings of the Council).

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

Mr. Don Wilson, the petitioner, of 24 Portuguese Bend Road, Rolling Hills, offered to answer any questions the Council might have. He asked if the Council wished to have any further evidence in this matter than he had already given.

The Council had no questions.

No one else wished to be heard.

Councilman Jahn moved to close the Hearing.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, no objections, so ordered.

Councilman Bradford moved to grant this zone change in concurrence with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Bradford, at the suggestion of Mayor Isen, amended his motion to specify that the proper Ordinance be drawn by the City Attorney.

Amendment was accepted by the second.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 22228 (Resubmitted) Located northerly of Torrance Blvd., westerly of Henrietta St., southerly of Del Amo Blvd. and easterly of the City Limits of Redondo Beach, containing 417 lots and submitted by Don Wilson. Submitted with this were:

1. Letter from R. W. Bishop, City Engineer, dated July 31, replying to questions asked by the Council on this Tract at the meeting of July 29;

2. Letter of transmittal from Engineering Dept., dated June 26, 1958;
3. Letter containing Planning Commission recommendation for approval, signed by George C. Powell, Planning Director, and dated June 26, 1958;
4. August 1, 1958, letter from A. E. McVicar, Supt. of the Torrance Water Dept., saying we have ample water supply to serve the subdivision, and would be able to maintain pressures, and that the cost of the necessary lines would be about \$70,000.00;
5. June 20, 1958, letter from the Los Angeles Flood Control District, signed by W. J. Manetta, Division Engr., for H. E. Hedger, Chief Engineer;
6. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of June 18, 1958, concerning this Tract;
7. June 9, 1958, letter from J. R. Patrick, Assist. to City Engr., addressed to Planning Commission concerning this Tract;
8. Sketch of the tract.

Councilman Jahn said there was no copy here of the letter from our Attorney on the Dominguez Water case, and Mayor Isen agreed that it had been pulled.

The City Manager, in reply to a question, said there had been such a letter some weeks ago.

Mr. Wilson, the petitioner, presented a photostatic copy of that letter for the Council to read, and asked to read two letters which he filed with the Deputy City Clerk.

Mr. Wilson read the letters, which were:

a. from the Dominguez Water Corp., 5410 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, signed by J. P. Bradley, President, stating that the property in this subdivision is all within the area covered by the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity granted to Dominguez Water Corp. by the Public Utilities Commission of the State of California, and being in that certificated area it is their obligation, duty and right to serve the area with water. The letter advised that notwithstanding this obligation, duty and right, in the opinion of Dominguez Water Corp. that the City of Torrance also has the right to place its water lines in any dedicated street within its Corporate limits, including this tract.

b. An August 26, 1958, letter from Don Wilson recognizing that the City, by approving the Tentative Tract No. 22228, would not be bestowing an exclusive right to the Dominguez Water Corp. to serve water in said tract, and that the City has the right to enter into any streets in said tract which may be dedicated to the City with its water mains and compete for water service with the Dominguez Water Corp. or any other water company which may serve said tract.

Councilman Blount referred to the pump necessary for the sewers, and asked if it was to be furnished by the subdivider and taken over by the City.

Mr. Wilson said yes, that they would pay for the installation and dedicate this to the City.

Mayor Isen referred to the letter from the Flood Control District, which requested that the water well about 330' west of Henrietta St. and about 400' north of Emerald, be preserved, and asking for an access to it.

Mr. Wilson said Dominguez has also requested this; he said it is a very old well, and is useful for salinity tests. He added it would be protected by the sellers of the land as well as by themselves and the Flood Control District.

Councilman Benstead asked if they will dedicate the land necessary for the widening of Henrietta St.

Mr. Nick Harrison, 10928 Penny Ave., Inglewood, engineer for the subdivider, said they would, and would pave it as well.

Councilman Blount asked if Del Amo Blvd. would be at the width

necessary within our City Limits.

The City Manager, in reply to a question, said the map shows an 80' street there.

Mr. Harrison said they had originally shown this as a 100' street, and Assist. to the City Engineer John Patrick has written to them saying Del Amo had been changed to an 80' right of way, and requesting they conform. They have done this. He had seen the Ordinance that spells this out.

Planning Director Powell, in reply to a question, said about 2 years ago the Regional Planning Commission had requested that Del Amo Blvd. east of Hawthorne be a 100' street, and west of Hawthorne be an 80' street.

Mayor Isen referred to the letter Mr. Wilson had read from the Dominguez Water Corp., and asked if they had meant that the City could lay pipe in the streets and let the people get water from whichever of the two companies they wished.

Mr. Wilson said he felt the City should, in the interests of its people, serve all the City with water.

Mayor Isen asked if he would give the Council a letter saying the tract would deal with the City.

Mr. Wilson said he could not; he had been asked to go to the Dominguez Water Corp. to arrange a meeting with them for the City, and had told the City Attorney he would not be in a position to bring them in here and had suggested the City Attorney contact them. Mr. Wilson said he had been told today that on August 8, the City Attorney had called them and talked to their attorney. As of this morning, upon Mr. Crawford's return from his vacation, they had agreed to meet with representatives of the City on September 10.

Mayor Isen said that was right.

Mr. Wilson felt this to be a move in the right direction.

Councilman Benstead did not believe the Council had any intention of buying this portion of the water system, as he did not think they would have to.

Mr. Wilson said Mr. McVicar had at one time written to the Council saying the cost of laying a line to serve this tract would be prohibitive. He felt that should have some merit.

Mayor Isen said the letter here told the Council what it would cost in round figures to lay that line. He believed this should be tabled at least until after the first meeting with the Dominguez Water Corp., and he so moved.

Councilman Jahn asked if they would enter into a joint use agreement with us about this water, such as we have with another water company.

Mayor Isen thought we could probably go into that at the meeting.

Mr. Crawford, the executive manager of the Dominguez Water Corp., came forward and said they could not enter into such an agreement. In an effort to expedite another subdivision for Mr. Wilson, he said they had, in error, signed a joint use agreement with the City. They have been told they were in error and that is now before the Public Utilities Commission. They believe that having been in error in that situation, they could not do it again.

Mr. Crawford said the company which has such an agreement with the City is a mutual corporation and not under the Public Utilities Commission.

Mayor Isen could see no connection between this matter and the case now before the Public Utilities Corporation.

Mr. Crawford said the agreement was subject to the approval of the Public Utilities Corp., and until it is approved by them, in the opinion of their legal department and officers it is not a contract and is not operative.

Speaking as an officer of the Dominguez Estates Co., Mr. Crawford said the purchase of the land by Mr. Wilson is contingent upon the purchase of water from the Dominguez Water Corporation.

Mr. Wilson referred to the letter from Mr. Tackabury, our attorney in this matter, which was dated July 3, 1958. He said in the letter Mr. Tackabury had suggested that by the approval of the City of the recording of such a map, the City expressly reserve the right to serve the tract with water.

Mayor Isen said the City Attorney was not present, but it was evident that Mr. Wilson's purchase of the land was a conditional deal. He was not sure, he said, that Mr. Wilson was properly before the Council if he did not own the property.

Mr. Wilson said 99% of subdivisions come before the Council through the owners in escrow of the land.

Councilman Jahn told Mr. Wilson that he had indicated the recording of this map and passing the subdivision might hang on the water question. He pointed out that we are now talking about a tentative tract map, but passage of this is almost the same as approval of the final tract map, which would be dependent upon engineering requirements. He added that if we passed the tentative map without the water requirement being settled, that could not be made a condition of approval of the final map. Councilman Jahn stated that at present we have no obligation whatever.

Mayor Isen moved to table this matter until we have explored the water question with the Dominguez Water Co.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead.

Councilman Bradford asked Mr. Crawford about his statement that no agreement could be made on a joint use because of the litigation in progress at the present time, and whether they would consider such an agreement if the findings of the present litigation are in favor of the agreement now before the Public Utilities Commission.

Mr. Crawford said he could not answer such a hypothetical question. He stated he believed the City had no right to require a subdivider to install and dedicate such a water system in a tract.

Councilman Jahn said he did not believe a condition of that kind could be made a condition of approval of a Final Tract Map.

Motion to table carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale.

Mr. Wilson asked the reason for tabling this, and was told by the Mayor that he personally believed it needed more study. The Mayor did believe the water system of the City should ultimately belong to the City and the City should serve everyone inside it; he said this should be pursued.

There was disorder in the audience, and loud profanity.

Mayor Isen told Mr. Vico that the Council could do without his presence here, and that if there was more profanity from him he would be asked to leave the Council Chamber. Mayor Isen directed that this be made a part of the record. Mr. Vico said he would be glad to do so.

At 8:30 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 8:40 P. M. Councilman Bradford was not present when the Council re-convened.

At this time, Mayor Isen introduced Mr. Bill Evans, a retired Sergeant from the Police Dept., who has sold his home and bought a large house-trailer and will be enjoying the fruits of his years of labor.

There was applause for Mr. Evans, who acknowledged the introduction.

2. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for:

CASE NO. 503: Third and Final Hearing on petition of Don Wilson for a Change of Zone on all of Tract 21676, bounded on the north by Torrance Blvd., south by Sepulveda, west by Anza and east by Ocean Ave., from A-1 to R-1 to conform to present use of the land.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Publication. There were no objections, and this was ordered received and filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard.

Mrs. Doris Klein, 4506 Torrance Blvd., opposed the rezoning of Torrance Blvd. between Ocean and Anza, as she believed it would ultimately be commercial frontage.

Mayor Isen explained that if the owners wished, they could come in and ask for a rezoning.

Councilman Bradford joined the meeting at 8:45 P. M.

Mrs. Klein protested further.

No one else wished to be heard.

Councilman Benstead moved to close the Hearing.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

3. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for:

CASE NO. 510: Third and Final Hearing before the City Council on petition of Torrance Planning Commission for a Change of Zone from M-2, A-1 and C-2 and C-2, M-1 and R-3 on Lots 1 through 21 and a portion of Lot 36 in Tract No. 639, according to plot plan on file in the office of the Planning Department, and that portion of Lot 1, Tract 2200 which lies easterly of Crenshaw Blvd., bounded on the north by Sepulveda, the south by 239th St., the east by Arlington Ave., and on the west by Crenshaw Blvd., for proper development of the area.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Publication which was accepted and ordered filed, as there were no objections.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone wished to be heard, but there was no reply.

Councilman Benstead moved to close the Hearing.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Planning Director Powell presented Exhibit A, the master plan proposed for the area, saying this had been under study by the Commission for the past year.

Mayor Isen asked if there should not be an alley just south of Sepulveda, and Mr. Powell said the individual owners could dedicate that as they came in for individual uses.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission on Case No. 510.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

4. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for:

CASE NO. 521: Third and Final Hearing before the City Council on petition of R. A. Watt for a Change of Zone from R-2 and A-1 to R-1 on a parcel of land legally described as Lots 1 through 93, Tract 23151, bounded on the north by 178th St., on the west by a line approximately 657' east of the centerline of Arlington Ave., on the south by 182nd St. and on the east by a line approximately 993' westerly of the centerline of Western Ave., to conform to the present use of the land.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Publication.

There were no objections, and this was accepted and ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard.

Mr. Albert Fisher, speaking on behalf of his father, who owns a chicken ranch at 2073 W. 182nd., questioned this.

Planning Director Powell and Mr. Fisher inspected a sketch of the property, and it developed that 2073 W. 182nd is not a part of this.

No one else wished to be heard.  
 Councilman Benstead moved to close the hearing.  
 Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

5. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for:  
CASE NO. 522: Third and Final Hearing before the City Council on petition of R. A. Watt for a Change of Zone from R-2 and A-1 to R-1 on a parcel of land legally described as the west 328.55' of the SE quarter of Lot 72, McDonald Tract, bounded on the south and adjacent to 182nd St., adjacent to Manhattan Pl. on the east, on the north bounded by the westerly prolongation of Corwin St., on the west by a line approximately 600' west of the centerline of Western Ave., to make the best possible use of the land.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Publication, which was accepted and ordered filed.

Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard, but there was no reply.

Planning Director Powell said this Change of Zone was necessary for the Tract Map in the area which is now being presented.

Councilman Blount asked if there was anything now on these lots, and Mr. Powell said no.

Councilman Jahn moved the hearing be closed.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

TENTATIVE TRACT NO. 21624: Located northerly of 182nd St. and westerly of Manhattan Pl., subdivider, R. A. Watt Construction Co., consisting of 30 lots. Attached were:

- a. Letter of Transmittal from Engineering Dept., submitting tract for tentative approval;
- b. Letter from Geo. C. Powell, Planning Director, transmitting the recommendation of the Planning Commission;
- c. August 21, 1958, letter from A. E. McVicar, Supt. of the Torrance Water Dist. No. 3 recommending that Moneta be allowed to serve and that the usual joint use agreement be obtained if possible;
- d. June 18, 1958, letter from J. R. Patrick, Assist. to City Engr., concerning the tract;
- e. Excerpt from Planning Commission Minutes of June 25, 1958;
- f. Sketch of tract.

Councilman Jahn asked if we have the joint-use agreement with the Moneta Water Co., as mentioned.

Councilman Blount asked if the subdivider had a representative present, and there was a man present representing the subdivider.

In response to a question, the man from the subdivider's office said they do own the land in fee.

Planning Director Powell said we have asked for the joint use agreement with the Moneta Water Co., to be provided by the subdivider.

Mayor Isen said he would move to table this until we have that joint use agreement.

Motion lost for lack of a second.

The method of joint-use implementation was discussed between the Councilmen.

The man from R. A. Watt said he did not know that the joint-use agreement had been asked for, but that they would be willing for the tract to be served by the City.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve this tract, and that it be served with water by the City of Torrance.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale.

Councilman Benstead stated he had voted against this because the lots do not conform to our Ordinance. and Councilman Blount said he have voted against it for the same reason.

This was discussed by the Council, and Planning Director Powell told them, in response to a question, that the Planning Commission considers the lot sizes in each tract.

Councilman Benstead recalled that the Planning Commission had asked for this Ordinance, and he believed we should conform in all cases.

Councilman Jahn said if he could be sure of a second to his motion he would move our lot size requirement be changed back to 5,000 sq. ft.

6. Mayor Isen announced this was the time and place for the: HEARING ON RESOLUTION OF INTENTION TO ABATE NUISANCE NO. 3543, declaring parcels No. 382 through 540, inclusive, described in said Resolution to be a public nuisance, and providing for the abatement thereof. He announced that the following parcels, excepted from last week's Hearing on Resolution of Intention No. 3538 should be included in this Hearing: No. 280, 312, 357 through 363, 367, 368, and 374. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented the Affidavit of Publication. Councilman Jahn moved this be received and filed. Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, all in favor, so ordered. Mayor Isen asked if anyone present wished to be heard. There was no reply. Councilman Jahn moved to close this Hearing. Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

#### RESOLUTION NO. 3548

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING CARBOHAD CORPORATION, INC., AND THEIR EMPLOYEES TO ABATE THE NUISANCE LOCATED ON PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION NO. 3543.

Councilman Benstead moved to dispense with further reading of this Resolution.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3548.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of any Resolutions or Ordinances presented here tonight, after the Deputy City Clerk has assigned to each its proper number and read the title of each.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Claim of William L. Chase, 2409 Grant Ave., Redondo Beach, against the City et al, for alleged injuries and damages arising out of accident occurring at Torrance Police and Rifle Range on Crenshaw Blvd., on or about June 21, 1958.

Councilman Jahn moved this be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

Motion seconded by Councilman Benstead, no objections, so ordered.

2. Claim of Catherine M. Martina, a minor, by Catherine L. Martina, her mother, for alleged injuries and damages arising out of accident at Torrance Municipal Plunge, wherein said minor child fell on July 7, 1958.

Councilman Benstead moved this be denied and referred to the City Attorney.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

3. An August 21, 1958, letter from the Sepulveda Investment Corp., 1804 Via Valencia, Redondo Beach, signed by Henry C. Griswold, concerned a zoning matter on property they own. The Council had acted at their last meeting to rezone the property, with a stipulation that a masonry wall close the cul-de-sac at the end of 224th Street.

Mr. Griswold was present, and explained that they had hoped to use 224th as a method of egress from the parking lot there, and if they develop other property they own in the area for commercial use the wall will have to be removed. For those two reasons, he asked that the Council reconsider their stipulation and follow the recommendation of the Planning Commission when they recommended this for approval.

Councilman Jahn, who had made the motion passed by the Council in this matter, explained his reasons for that motion and declined to reconsider.

Mr. Griswold felt the street could be barricaded if the Council wished, but that the block wall which might have to be removed would be very expensive and it might be wasted money.

Mr. Griswold explained the position his company is in in this matter. He said he owns a number of the houses there, and the zoning may be changed.

Councilman Jahn again told Mr. Griswold he did not wish to rescind his motion.

Councilman Blount agreed with Councilman Jahn.

There were no objections from the Council, and the communication was ordered filed as a matter of record.

4. A letter from the Tordondo Little League, Inc., 20015 Grevillea, signed by Roy O. Loyd, Pres., requested consideration regarding their use of a portion of the area known as the Entradero Sump for a baseball diamond.

Councilman Benstead said he would like to have this referred to the Recreation Commission.

Mr. J. V. Russell, Director of Public Works, told the Council the intent of this letter was to ask for use of the Bishop Montgomery sump, not the Entradero sump.

Mr. Loyd, who was present, agreed.

Councilman Benstead moved that the necessary correction be made in the letter and the matter referred to the Recreation Dept.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

5. A letter from the WALTERIA Civic Organization, dated July 15, 1958, and signed by Bessie D. Slonecker, Secretary, concerned Resolution No. 3439. They felt the decision on mailing addresses should be made by the residents of the communities affected and not by residents from all parts of the City. It contained protests from their area concerning the postal service they are getting.

There were no objections, and the letter was ordered filed as a matter of record.

6. An August 14, 1958, letter from Clyde Marsh Co., 1701 S. Catalina Ave., Redondo Beach, signed by Robert L. Pearson, concerned property recently purchased by the Temple Menorah in the Torrance area. The nearest available sewer line to this property is located at the corner of Warmside and Sepulveda Ave. in the City of Torrance, and they requested permission be granted to the Temple to connect to this sewer.



An August 14, 1958, letter from F. E. Hopkins, City Manager of Redondo Beach, supported this request.

Councilman Jahn asked the City Manager if this would overload the sewer, and the City Manager replied he did not think it would.

Councilman Jahn moved the request be granted.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale.

7. An August 21, 1958, letter from the Torrance Unified School District, signed by J. H. Hull, Supt., requested water service for the Columbia Elementary School at 4502 - 186th St., and asked whether the City can furnish service for this project.

A memo appended from the City Manager, dated 8/22/58, stated this had been referred to the Water Dept. for recommendation.

There were no objections, and this was ordered held for a week for study, and a recommendation from Mr. McVicar.

8. A letter from the County Health Dept., signed by Roy O. Gilbert, Health Officer, requested permission to park X-Ray Mobile Survey Unit at 1225 Sartori Ave. during September. A note was appended saying officials of the Bank of American have stated they will be glad to have the Unit there in front of their building, and the Police Chief has given his approval.

There were no objections, and the request was ordered granted.

9. A letter from Hody's Pacific-Crenshaw, Inc., signed by Sidney Hoedemaker, concerned the extension of their lease at Pacific Coast Highway and Crenshaw Blvd. He proposed as follows:

1. That if approval is given for a major gas station the rental income be divided equally between ourselves and the City;
2. That your representative may participate in the negotiation between the oil company and themselves;
3. That the buildings will conform in design and architecture to each other. The buildings and landscaping to conform and appear as one continuous entity and that the color and design will conform in style and architecture.

The letter also requested the Council not to exercise its privilege of cancellation unless ground is broken to April 1, 1959, from October 1, 1958. The request that the rent schedule on Parcel #1 remain at \$175 per month until completion of improvements, and on parcel #2 remain at \$80 per month until improvements are completed was also made.

Mr. Herbert Albright, representing the petitioner, came forward.

Mayor Isen stated he had thought there was ambiguity as to whether the service station building would be built by Hody or the lessee, but Mr. Albright had assured him today it would be built by Hody at their own expense, and he asked that this be shown in the record.

Mr. Albright agreed to this.

Mayor Isen said he believed they should decide what they want to do, and Councilman Jahn believed they would as soon as they knew the Council's policy.

Councilman Blount demurred that the Council could have leased that land to a major oil company for a service station many times, but wanted a restaurant there. Hody had agreed to provide one at the time he took this lease.

Councilman Jahn moved to grant the requests in Hody's letter which were numbered 1, 2, and 3, and the extension of time for the groundbreaking.

Mayor Isen said they had asked that the rent remain as it has been, but he thought if we waive so much, the rent should be paid as originally agreed.

Councilman Benstead seconded Councilman Jahn's motion.

Councilman Bradford did not think they should have the extension of time, but Councilman Jahn said it would take them that long to get their plans.

Councilman Jahn said the intent of his motion had been to allow Items 1, 2, and 3, and the extension of time for cancellation, with no mention of the reduced rent or continuation of the present rental schedule.

Councilman Benstead said that had been his understanding of the motion.

Councilman Bradford asked if the City Manager and City Attorney would sit in on negotiations with the gas company, and Mayor Isen said they would if that were the pleasure of the Council.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale.

Mayor Isen said he had been against this when Hody came in asking to put a gas station there in addition to his restaurant without any rental, but had decided he would agree if the City can participate in the income and Hody has agreed the City can do so, and has agreed to build the station at his own expense.

Councilman Blount asked the record show that Hody will build the building at his own expense, and Mayor Isen agreed that should be done.

Mayor Isen told Mr. Albright that to clarify this, we should have a letter to support the statement about the service station being built, and the City's participation in the income.

Mr. Albright said such a letter would be forthcoming.

Mayor Isen said the letter should indicate that Hody will build the building at his own expense, and the City will participate in half the rental and the City will have representatives sitting in on the negotiations with the major gas company.

Councilman Blount asked if the City's only income from the station would be part of the rental, and Mayor Isen said that would be in addition to gallonage.

Councilman Blount asked the record to show that.

Councilman Bradford moved that the next 5-year period of rental schedules go into effect as originally agreed, and the request for continued rent at the present step be denied.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, no objections, so ordered.

10. An August 22, 1958, letter from Jonathon L. Dunmyer, 1104 Cota, Torrance, suggested the following proposition be submitted to the voters: that each Councilman should receive a salary of \$4000 a year and up to half that amount for expenses, per year; that the Mayor be a full time Mayor at \$10,000 per year and the necessary expenses relative to the position.

Councilman Jahn felt that this was too large an increase. He believed he would favor a small increase, but this would be very expensive to the City.

Councilman Benstead moved this be filed as a matter of record.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn, no objections, so ordered.

Mayor Isen said Mr. Dunmyer, a City employee, had signed this as a citizen. He said he and the Council thanked Mr. Dunmyer, but he did not feel that a full-time Mayor was compatible with the City Manager form of government, and he would not favor it. He did think some study should be made of the time and expense freely given by the Councilmen to the City. Everyone is agreed that \$100 a month, which they now receive, is inadequate. He pointed out that the Mayor and Councilmen have offered their services to the City, and do not work for pay, rather, they are glad to have the opportunity to serve our City.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM AIRPORT MANAGER:

1. An August 7, 1958, memo from Jack R. Egan, Airport Manager, to Geo. W. Stevens, City Manager, concerned the Airport Control Tower Radio Equipment, and gave his invitation for proposals for the maintenance of that equipment. Mr. Egan gave the following recommendation: "That steps be taken so as to provide a control tower radio maintenance-with-parts contract with Advanced Electronics at the quoted price of \$70 per month", and gave his reasons for that recommendation.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Airport Manager.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CITY MANAGER:

In a letter dated August 21, 1958, the City Manager submitted the following recommendations for consideration and approval:

PERSONNEL:

Request that the City Manager be authorized to attend the International City Managers' Association Annual Conference in Dallas, Texas, October 19 to 23, 1958, with appropriate expenses paid. I have saved one week of my vacation for this Conference. Absence on City time will be held to three days or less.

TRANSFER OF FUNDS:

That \$20,000 be transferred from the Unappropriated Reserve to a Special Storm Drain Fund, the funds to be used for the realignment of the storm drain in the vicinity of the Hollywood Riviera Club.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur on both recommendations of the City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Communication from City Manager re Tax Rates:

An August 22, 1958, communication from the City Manager read as follows:

"Official assessed valuations for 1958-59 have been received from the Assessor's Office and are as follows:

|  |               |
|--|---------------|
| Net Secured Real and Personal Property | \$161,862,630 |
| Public Utilities                       | 13,103,300    |
| Unsecured Property                     | 9,399,840     |
| TOTAL                                  | \$184,365,770 |

Of this amount \$1,945,100 is being contested and cannot be used for budgeting purposes.

"In general it is believed that other sources of revenue as outlined in the original Budget Estimate will hold good, with the exception of a noted decrease in Sales and Use Tax revenues from the State and Fines and Forfeiture revenues from the Municipal Court. The trend in these revenues is indicated as follows:

Sales and Use Tax Revenues:

|        | 1957        | 1958        |
|--------|-------------|-------------|
| July   | \$20,593.30 | \$19,831.85 |
| August | 27,031.74   | 23,762.92   |

Fines and Forfeitures:

|        | 1957               | 1958               |
|--------|--------------------|--------------------|
| July   | \$12,255.72        | \$10,527.09        |
|        | 1,505.28           | 1,874.04           |
|        | <u>\$13,761.00</u> | <u>\$12,401.13</u> |
| August | \$12,927.36        | \$8,930.60         |
|        | 2,048.76           | 1,764.13           |
|        | <u>\$14,976.12</u> | <u>\$10,694.73</u> |

"Based on the trend indicated by the above figures, the revenue estimates have been revised in keeping with the trend indicated.

The total estimated revenues, considering the change in assessed valuations and revisions in Sales Tax and Fines and Forfeiture revenues, is \$4,061,944, an increase of \$112,102 from the Budget Estimate adopted in June.

"Since there has been little change in any of the budgets, the increased revenues will go into the Unappropriated Reserve. The total for such reserve before any transfers would be \$332,770. Already transferred are the following sums:

|                                  |                 |             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| a. For Street Work               | \$25,000        |             |
| b. For services of Soil Engineer | 2,000           |             |
| c. For sewer Improvements        | 5,200           |             |
| d. For Storm Drain Work          | 20,000          | (Requested) |
| Total                            | <u>\$52,200</u> |             |

"This leaves \$280,000 in the Reserve Fund at this date. The salary adjustments and fringe benefits would have to come from this fund."

In response to a query from the Council, the City Manager said an Ordinance was being presented at the proper time for adoption of the Tax Rate.

3. In a letter dated August 20, 1958, the City Manager recommended that Goodyear Store in Torrance be awarded the bid for pneumatic tires and tubes and recapping for the fiscal year 1958-59.

An attached analysis indicated that the local vendor was the successful bidder meeting the specifications.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the City Manager.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER:RE: BID-PACKER:

In a letter dated August 22, 1958, the Assistant City Manager recommended that the bid of International Harvester Company for truck chassis be accepted in the amount of \$6204.12, including tax. This truck is designed for rubbish collection work and has proved to most of the private operators to be the most economical for this type of work.

'In view of the unfortunate experiences we have had with competitive makes, we feel that it would be to our best interest to award the bid for the International at this time.

'There is a demonstrator that has been offered to us with 2500 miles and less than 60 days old that can be made immediately available with the saving of \$837.64. It is suggested we accept this bid.

Recommendation: 1. That the City Council purchase 1 Garwood Packer Unit in the amount of \$6,043.59, including tax, and 1 International specially designed truck chassis in the amount of \$6,204.12, incl. tax, total amount \$12,247.71.

2. That the City Council purchase 1 International Garwood Packer Unit in the amount of \$11,410.07.  
 "Total appropriation from the unappropriated reserve -  
 \$23,657.78.

Councilman Benstead moved to concur with the recommendation of the Assistant City Manager.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale.

Councilman Blount said he had voted no because he could not understand why this was being awarded to the high bidder.

At 9:30 P. M., Mayor Isen declared a recess, with the Council reconvening at 9:35 P. M.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM FIRE DEPARTMENT:

1. In an August 20, 1958, communication, J. J. Benner, Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, as requested by the Council on August 12, 1958, recommended the fire hose bids be awarded as follows:

- 1) All bids on 1" fire hose be rejected and new bids be called.
- 2) The bid on the 2½" fire hose be awarded to the Western Bi-Lateral Fire Hose Co., as they were the only bidder meeting all requirements of the specifications and their fifty foot sample hose was satisfactorily tested.

He stated his conclusion concerning this matter was predicated by the fact that the fire hose specifications clearly set forth the following:

- 1) Such hose shall be equipped with couplings (item B-1 of 1" hose specifications and item D-3 of 2½" hose specifications, and
- 2) A fifty foot sample shall be submitted for test purposes. (Item C-3 of 1" hose specifications and item F-2 of 2½" hose specifications.)

Councilman Benstead asked Chief Benner if we could not buy the hose and test it later, then return it if it was not satisfactory.

Chief Benner said this was the only recommendation he could make because of the specs sent out. He pointed out that on a 'composite bid sheet' he had submitted with his letter, he showed that only the successful bidder had met the specifications.

Councilman Benstead said they had only failed by not sending samples.

Councilman Blount protested that other high bidders had been awarded bids, and he could not see why that should make a difference here.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Chief Engineer.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, who said he felt the Chief was right. If bidders do not meet the specs, he felt the bids they submit should be discarded.

Mayor Isen thought we could call for other bids, and asked Chief Benner when he had to have the hose.

Chief Benner pointed out he had recommended only that we award the 2½" hose and reject all other bids. He said Western Bi-Lateral had met all the specifications.

He said he would like to have the hose as soon as possible.

Councilman Benstead moved to table the motion.

Motion to table lost for lack of a second.

Motion to concur carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale.

Mayor Isen said there were a number of people present from south Torrance who have waited patiently to be heard, and asked that they be heard now as a courtesy.

Mr. Sylvan Shipley, 23811 Pennsylvania Ave., DA 6-3964, spoke to the Council as representative of the people present from his neighborhood. Mr. Shipley said they are in the area served by the Narbonne Ranch Water Co. #2, and they are dissatisfied with the water service and would like to have Torrance water service. He had with him a petition signed by a large number of people, in support of his statement.

Mr. Shipley said they had taken this matter up with the Public Utilities Commission and were told it was up to the people. He asked what they have to do to become a part of the Torrance water district.

Councilman Jahn said he would like to have Mr. McVicar and the City Attorney call a meeting here at the City Hall and notify these people and have them bring as many of those interested as possible to discuss this with them. They could then discuss the feasibility of setting up a new water district.

Mr. Shipley said the petitioners live in a large territory. They have talked to Mr. McVicar, who told them to come here.

Mayor Isen thought the Council would agree with Councilman Jahn's suggestion, and said Mr. McVicar would notify Mr. Shipley of the time and date of the meeting. He told Mr. Shipley that if he had not heard from Mr. McVicar within 3 or 4 days, to contact Mr. Mansfield, the Assistant City Manager.

Councilman Jahn asked that the City Manager be included in this, and that the people in the small water district adjacent to the one represented here be notified of this meeting.

Councilman Bradford suggested this go through the City Manager to the Superintendent of the Water Department.

There were no objections, and it was so ordered.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

1. An August 6, 1958, letter from Heath & Co., signed by E. Briesemeister, requested consideration and approval to erect two flood lighted illuminated signs for the carwash at 164th and Crenshaw. A memo was appended from Lee Schlens, Supt. of Bldg., concerning this application, which was being re-submitted. It read as follows: "Both signs are of sizes requiring Council approval. The sign at the corner of 164th and Crenshaw is 272 sq. ft., the car wash property has a frontage of 153' on Crenshaw and 150' on 164th St. The sign at Redondo Beach Blvd. is 158 sq. ft., and the car wash has a frontage of 10' on this street. There is an existing sign of 240 sq. ft. advertising the service station, that will now be located within the frontage for the car wash. The applicant has cancelled his request for the sign on Redondo Beach Blvd. Planning Commission has approved sign for 164th and Crenshaw Blvd. Council referred this matter to the Planning Commission at their August 19th meeting."

Councilman Jahn asked if this meant the applicant was asking for only one sign, the 272 sq. ft. sign at 164th and Crenshaw.

Mr. Schlens said yes; he stated the applicant who owns the car wash was present.

Mayor Isen asked the applicant if he intended to come in at a later date and ask for the other sign.

Mr. Adelman, proprietor of the car wash, said he planned to do so when the area is cleaned up somewhat better than it is. He stated he had retracted that one application so he could have the one sign, but he did not want to throw away his right to apply.

Mr. Schlens, in reply to a question, said the sign he is asking for will exceed our formula by about 20'.

Mayor Isen commented it was 41' high, and he felt the sign could be made a little smaller.

Mr. Adelman pointed out that his building had to be set back quite

far from the street, and that the sign must be larger to compensate for that. He said he had put up a beautiful building, and wants to put up a good sign. He believed if he had been allowed to have the formula figured on the 20' of frontage he dedicated to the City for street widening purposes, the sign may not have been too large.

Councilman Benstead asked how much he could cut the sign down, and Councilman Jahn asked if the formula, figured on the Crenshaw and 164th St. frontage, would not allow this sign.

Mr. Schlens, replying to Councilman Jahn, said if the perimeter on both streets were figured, it would be over 300', but the sign faces on one street. He believed it would be up to the Council to determine policy on that.

Councilman Bradford asked if the sign could not be cut 22'.

Mr. Adelman thought this might cause some delay, and said he had thought when this was here before the Council had not been unfavorable to this one sign if he dropped the application for the other.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission, with the stipulation that this sign be cut to 250 sq. ft.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

Councilman Blount asked Bldg. Supt. Schlens the frontage on Crenshaw of this business, and Mr. Schlens said it has 150' there.

Councilman Blount asked why take off the 22'.

Councilman Jahn withdrew his motion, and said the sign is too big.

Councilman Bradford thought the only alternative would be to make this a 158 sq. ft. sign 33' high.

Councilman Jahn moved to approve a 158 sq. ft. sign there 33' high.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen.

The Council discussed the application at some length.

Bldg. Supt. Schlens, in reply to a question, said the Land Use Ordinance does define frontage, and only one 'front' is allowed.

Mayor Isen asked if that was the way the formula was applied, and Mr. Schlens said it was.

There were no objection to the motion, and it was so ordered.

#### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. An August 21, 1958, letter from George C. Powell, Director, submitted to the Council the Commission's recommendation on Mr. Adelman's application for signs at his car wash.

2. In a letter dated August 21, 1958, Planning Director Powell submitted the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of the following application for a Waiver:

Paul R. Albright, Jr., 23313 Pennsylvania Ave., requesting waiver of rear yard requirements to permit construction of addition to house, per plot plan submitted on application. An excerpt from the Planning Commission Minutes of August 6, 1958, was submitted with the letter for the information of the Council.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation for approval of the application.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

#### REPORTS:

1. Director of Public Works Russell reported concerning the protest of petitioners against dumping of sweepings from streets on property east of the railroad track on Madrid, north of Torrance Boulevard. He said the lot had been cleaned and posted, and the practice of dumping there had been stopped.

2. The office of the City Clerk reported that they now have on file the July reports of the General Manager and the Controller for the Metropolitan Water District.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3549

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SUBLEASE OF THE AIRPORT LEASE TO SHERIDAN-GRAY, INC.

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Resolution No. 3549. Motion, seconded by Councilman Blount, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

2. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

RESOLUTION NO. 3550

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE DECLARING THAT WEEDS GROWING UPON AND IN FRONT OF, AND RUBBISH, REFUSE AND DIRT UPON AND IN FRONT OF CERTAIN PRIVATE PROPERTY IN THE CITY ARE A PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT THEREOF.

Councilman Benstead moved for adoption of Resolution No. 3550. Motion, seconded by Councilman Jahn, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORDINANCES:

1. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1006

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE FIXING THE RATE OF TAXES AND LEVYING TAXES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1958.

Councilman Jahn moved to dispense with further reading of Ordinance No. 1006.

Motion, seconded by Mayor Isen, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1006 as an Urgency Ordinance at its first and final reading.

Motion seconded by Mayor Isen, who asked the City Manager if adoption of this as an urgency ordinance would require a unanimous approval.

The City Manager was not sure, but said this is an urgency ordinance.

This was discussed by the Council, and the motion to adopt the ordinance as an urgency ordinance failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale.

Mayor Isen said the ordinance had carried only by a majority, and would not be an urgency ordinance.

Councilman Jahn suggested that in order to meet the deadline on this matter, a special meeting of the Council be called later to consider the tax matter.

Councilman Blount said it did not have to be an Urgency Ordinance.



The City Manager suggested this be considered without the urgency provision.

Mayor Isen said he was disturbed about this because we must collect the taxes. He explained this stemmed from a dispute among the Councilmen as to whether or not the rate should remain the same or be cut, and it seemed to him that the gentlemen should accede to the rule of the majority in the matter.

Councilman Bradford said he would rather see us employ more policemen than cut taxes, and believed the city needs the 1¢ being cut.

This was discussed.

Mayor Isen said this was a very serious problem, as we must have an Ordinance by August 31.

He asked to hold this and come back to it later.

2. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE ESTABLISHING CERTAIN TRAFFIC CONTROL  
MEASURES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 17.35  
OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954".

Councilman Jahn moved to adopt Ordinance No. 1007 as an Urgency Ordinance.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

3. An August 21, 1958, letter from the City Attorney submitted, as instructed at the Council meeting of August 5th, an Ordinance relating to the establishment and powers and duties of the Water Commission.

Mayor Isen said this Ordinance had been prepared at the suggestion of Councilman Bradford. He had given this much thought and suggested that each Councilman designate privately the name of an appointee to that Commission. They could then write the names on slips of paper, and these would be put into a hat and the first five drawn from that would be appointed to the Commission if approved by the Council.

There were no objections, and this Ordinance was ordered held one week for study.

4. Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1009

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 17.60 ENTITLED "METHOD  
OF PARKING IN PLACES WHERE PERMITTED" AND SUBSTITUTING NEW PROVISIONS THEREFOR RELATING TO THE  
SAME MATTER.

Councilman Jahn moved for adoption of Ordinance No. 1009.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

5. In a letter dated August 21, 1958, the City Attorney submitted to the Council an Ordinance regulating the uses permitted in an M-1 zone, as directed by the Council on August 12. As this is an amendment to the Land Use Ordinance, the City Attorney's letter said the Council should direct the Planning Commission to hold the necessary public hearings and made a recommendation thereon.

Councilman Jahn asked whether under this, residences would be allowed in a C-3 zone.

Planning Director Powell said they would not.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre read title to:

ORDINANCE NO. 1010

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE REPEALING SECTION 11 OF APPENDIX I OF "THE CODE OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE, 1954" (THE LAND USE ORDINANCE) REGULATING THE USES PERMITTED IN THE LIGHT MANUFACTURING ZONE (M-1) AND SUBSTITUTING THEREFORE NEW PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SAME SUBJECT MATTER.

Councilman Jahn moved this be referred to the Planning Commission, as recommended by the City Attorney.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Benstead, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

At this time, Councilman Blount said he had been looking at a copy of the Code, and had a statement to make.

He said he agreed with Councilman Bradford's statement on Ordinance No. 1006, and they had gone on record as voting against an Ordinance they did not believe in. He did not believe this should be an Urgency Ordinance, but would ask Councilman Bradford to change his vote and he would change his own in order for us to have the Ordinance setting our tax rate, and because of the mechanics of the law. He asked for reconsideration of the vote on Ordinance No. 1006.

Upon reconsideration, the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 1006 as an Urgency Ordinance carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The City Manager reported he had given the Council copies of a letter dated August 23, 1958, from the Torrance Library Commission, signed by Mrs. P. E. Humphreys, Secretary. This had transmitted their recommendation that Mr. Varner assist in obtaining the interior furnishings for the El Retiro Park Branch Library; they also recommended that Mr. Varner use the schedule of equipment as submitted by the Torrance Library Commission as a basis for the obtaining of equipment needed. It is further recommended that if deviations from the schedule are necessary that either Mrs. Jamieson or Mr. Paxton be consulted.

Mayor Isen ordered the letter into the Minutes as if it had been read in full, as follows:

"At an emergency meeting of the Torrance Library Commission on the above date (August 23, 1958), the following recommendation was made in the form of a motion by Mr. William Hoag, seconded by Mrs. Humphreys and unanimously voted.

"It is recommended that Mr. Varner assist in obtaining the interior furnishings for the El Retiro Park Branch. It is also recommended that Mr. Varner use the schedule of equipment as submitted by the Torrance Library Commission as a basis for the obtaining of equipment needed. It is further recommended that if deviations from the schedule are necessary that either Mrs. Jamieson or Mr. Paxton be consulted."

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the recommendation of the Library Commission.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

The City Manager reported he had received from the Assistant City Manager a letter concerning a lighting panel and a tank for the new City Yard, and had handed copies of it to the Council for their consideration, as time is of the essence in matters pertaining to the new City Yard.

Mayor Isen ordered the letter spread in full in the Minutes as if it had been read, as follows:

TO: Geo. W. Stevens

DATE: August 26, 1958

FROM: Don Mansfield

"1. It is requested that permission be obtained from the City Council to order lighting panels for the new City Yard from Superior Wholesale Electric Co., 25417 Belle Porte Ave., Harbor City. Such work is built to specification and the price is standard for the required type of work.

(1) 400 amp. sq. D Lighting Panel - \$657.00 and  
 (1) 3 ø 240 volt sq. D. Power Panel - \$419.00  
 totaling \$1076.00.

As it will take approximately 3 weeks for the completion of these panels, it is imperative that work be commenced so that we will not be delayed in moving to the new City Yard.

"2. Due to fire regulations, we will no longer be permitted to store our Diesel #2 above ground unless extensive precautionary measures are made which are far in excess of underground storage. Permission is requested to engage McAlpine & Redfern, 15702 Illinois Ave., Paramount (installer of lubricating and fuel equipment at the new city yard) to install a 2,000 gallon tank, 3 x 4 concrete pump island for #2 diesel facility, and one guaranteed used diesel fuel pump, totalling \$713.00. This work is to be installed per the requirements of our specifications for other fueling equipment."

The City Manager discussed this with the Council. He explained that we would save money every time we fill the tank with diesel fuel.

Councilman Jahn asked if the City is doing its own wiring at the City Yards, and the City Manager said we are.

Councilman Jahn moved to concur with the two requests listed in this letter.

Motion seconded by Councilman Bradford, and carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

Deputy City Clerk Whitacre presented a petition addressed to the Council protesting issuance of an on-sale beer and wine license to Clifford D. and Ruth E. Morrow, at 1110 Crenshaw Boulevard. This bore a number of signatures, and had been filed today.

Councilman Jahn questioned whether this was properly before the Council.

Mayor Isen did not believe it was, and moved to refer this to the Alcohol Control Board.

Motion seconded by Councilman Jahn.

Councilman Blount felt any petition having to do with health and safety was properly here, and pointed out that in the past the Council had made a Resolution and forwarded it to the Board saying they did not believe such a license to be in the best interests of the City.

Councilman Benstead said it had not been too long since the Council had disapproved a petition for such a license on the same piece of property.

Mayor Isen said it had been several years ago.

Councilman Jahn recalled such a resolution as Councilman Blount described had been before the Council just after he was elected. After passing it and sending it to the Board, the Council had almost immediately acted to rescind their action in adoption of the Resolution, and had requested the Alcohol Control Board to ignore it completely.

Mr. Walter Kroneberger, attorney for the Morrows, told the Council the hearing before the Board had not been held, nor have the petitioners been notified that there has been a formal protest in the matter.

Mayor Isen told him any protest should be made to the Board, not to this Council.

Motion to refer the petition against issuance of a beer and wine license at 1110 Crenshaw Blvd. carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Benstead, Jahn, Isen. NOES: COUNCILMEN: Blount, Bradford. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: Beasley, Drale.

Mayor Isen recalled one of his first oral communications as a member of the Council had been a request that the entrance to the City on Torrance Blvd. west of Western under the viaduct be cleaned up. The weeds are back this year as they are every year. He asked if we might get the Pacific Electric to clean up the railway right of way and if we might get the bridge cleaned and painted.

Mr. Bob Rogers, Administrative Aide, told the Council the contractor cleaning weeds in the City was working on the right of way today. He had started on Dominguez at Crenshaw, and will work on the property through to Western Avenue.

Mayor Isen thought we should get permission from the railroad to plant the area properly and paint the bridge so we will have a more attractive entrance to the City.

The City Manager said we could plant oleanders there if the Council wishes.

Mayor Isen moved a communication be sent to the Pacific Electric asking their permission to beautify and clean there, and asking their help in the matter.

There were no objections and it was so ordered.

Councilman Benstead thought the Pacific Electric should do this for the City.

Councilman Blount moved all bills properly audited be paid.

Motion, seconded by Councilman Bradford, carried unanimously by roll call vote of those present.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett, City Clerk of the City of  
Torrance, California

By Gale Whitacre  
Deputy City Clerk

APPROVED:

Albert Isen  
Mayor of the City of Torrance